

Remarks

This is in response to the Official Action of March 22, 2004.

1. 35 USC 112 2d paragraph.

Claim 23 has been amended herein to recite "wherein said detecting step" to correct the phrasing error noted in the Official Action.

Claim 14 has been amended to recite a dependency on claim 12 rather than claim 11 as noted in the Official Action.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments obviate the rejections set forth under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112, and respectfully submitted that this rejection should be withdrawn.

2. 35 USC 103.

Claim 15 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected independent base claim, but otherwise appears allowable over the prior art of record. To expedite allowance of this embodiment, claim 15 has been cancelled and rewritten by incorporation into claim 12. Please note that this constitutes a rewriting of claim 15 and not a narrowing of claim 15. Hence it is respectfully submitted that claim 12 (previous 15), and those dependent thereon, should now be allowed.

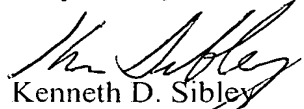
Claims 1-11 and 26-40 are cancelled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer.

It is respectfully submitted that the prior art rejections of record are moot in light of the amendments herein, and that these rejections should now be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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